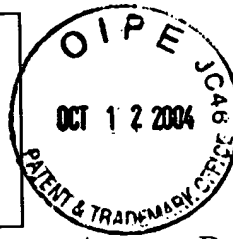


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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant request the Examiner to make of record the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form. Copies of the listed documents that are not U.S. patent documents are also enclosed. In accordance with MPEP 609, the Examiner is requested to initial each document listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form in the space provided, make a copy of the initialed form, and return the copy to Applicants' attorney.

The documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form came to Applicant's attorney's attention as a result of an International Search Report (copy enclosed) for the PCT patent application corresponding to the above application.


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This paper and the enclosed documents are being submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3), i.e., prior to a first Office Action on the merits. Moreover, this paper and the enclosed documents are being submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c)(1). Applicant states that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this statement. Therefore, no fee is believed to be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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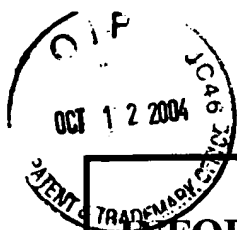
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